Order to facilitate the Jute industry and also to help the environment; and

(b) if so, whether Government are planning to include more items particularly potassic fertilisers to be covered for 100 per cent packaging in jute bags?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) Orders reserving the packaging of specified commodities i.e. foodgrains, sugar, urea and cement in jute material are reviewed from time to time keeping in view the existing level of availability and consumption of jute and the protection of the interests of persocns engaged in the jute industry and in the production of raw jute. It is not proposed at present to reserve, the packaging of other sectors in jute material. However, other industries are free to use jute packaging material without any compulsion.

**Share of Andhra Pradesh in the export of long and extra long staple cotton**

1732. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of long and extra long staple cotton;

(b) what is the quantity that is being exported and what is the share of Andhra Pradesh in the total production of these varieties; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Central Government to augment the same, with particular reference to Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) During 1990-91 cotton season, the total production of long and extra long staple cotton in the country has been estimated at 47.65 lakh bales out of which the share of Andhra Pradesh was about 14 lakh bales. Govt. had released quotas for export of 8.52 lakh bales of cotton in these two categories together during the 1990-91 cotton season out of which the exports were to the extent of 7.05 lakh bales.

(c) A centrally sponsored Intensive Cotton Development programme (ICDP) is being implemented in 11 major cotton growing States including Andhra Pradesh under which assistance is being provided for production and distribution of certified seeds. Integrated Pest Management, farmers' Training programme, etc. which releasing quotas for export, the status of Andhra Pradesh would be given due consideration along with other cotton producing States.

**Theft of Government properties in companies under BICL**

1733. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Paach-Ke-Khilaf Chorike-report-darj" dated 25th November, 1991 and another one captioned "Chori-Ke-Mamle par-Fir Hangama" dated the 27th November, 1991 published in the SWATANTRA BHARAT, a prominent daily; and

(b) what are the details of thefts of the properties in the companies of the British India Corporation limited in the past few months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) yes, Sir. In fact there was no theft. As a routine different types of wastes, scraps etc. were auctioned on 16-9-91 which contained one item of burnt cast iron scrap also. When the highest bidder came and loaded the auctioned material at the gate of the Mill one dismissed employee created problem with the people and he also lodged one complaint with the Police. The Police have

found no evidence of commission of any offence by any one and have closed the investigation with a final report There is no case of theft in the Branches of BIC and the Subsidiary Companies of the BIC Ltd.

**Bilateral Textile Agreement**

1734. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the bilateral textile agreement for the year 1992 has recently been finalised in Washington;

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof; and

(c) what is the quantum of increase in quotas for India's textile exports during the extended multi-fibre arrangement period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (c) Recently an understanding has been reached between India and USA regarding the access levels for India's textile and clothing products in the US market for the year 1992. According to this, there will be increase in the quotas for certain products. In respect of some products certain additional flexibilities will be available which will reult in increased export opportunities. It is expected that, as a result of these changes, there will be a significant increase in the exports to US market during 1992.

**कतिपय निगमों के प्रबंधकीय ढांचे में परिवर्तन**

1735. **सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :**
**डा० जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन :**

क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 30-10-91 को "फाइनेंसियल एक्सप्रेस" में "रीस्ट्रक्चरिंग आफ एन०टी०सी० अंडर स्टडी" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार कतिपय निगमों के वर्तमान प्रबंधकीय ढांचे में परिवर्तन करने पर विचार कर रही है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(घ) नये प्रबंधकीय ढांचे में किन-किन नयी विशेषताओं को शामिल करने का प्रस्ताव है और इस ढांचे को अंतिम रूप से कब तक गठित कर लिया जाना है ?

**वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अशोक गहलोत)** : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) से (घ) राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम द्वारा प्रस्तुत 8वीं योजना के प्रस्ताव में मिलों के समामेलन तथा आधुनिकीकरण आदि की परिकल्पना की गई है। ये प्रस्ताव विभिन्न स्तरों पर विचाराधीन हैं और इस सम्बन्ध में कोई निर्णय नहीं लिया गया है।

**New Textile Policy**

1736. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN.
SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Goverment are formulating a new Textile Policy; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) Government are actively considering the recommendations by Shri Abid Hussain Committee appointed to review the progress of implementation of Textile Policy, with a view to making necessary changes in the existing Textile Policy.